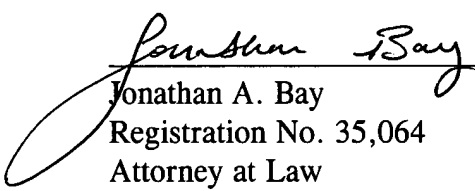


REMARKS

Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination and before calculating filing fees. New claims 21-40 are pending. Original claims 1-20 have been canceled, without prejudice. The number of claims remains within that permitted under the filing fees previously paid. No new matter is presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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